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*AN ACT to provide for the establishment of an
Almshouse in Carroll county.*

Authority to
purchase a
farm.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the county commissioners for Carroll county, be, and they are hereby authorized to purchase a farm in said county, containing not exceeding one hundred and fifty acres of land, for the purpose of erecting buildings thereon, for the reception and accommodation of the poor of said county, and to purchase every thing necessary for stocking and farming said land; and in order to meet all expenses which may be incurred in making said purchases, the county commissioners aforesaid shall have, in virtue of this act, full power and authority to borrow, on the credit of said county, by the issue of county certificates of debt, or otherwise, such sum or sums of money, as they may deem necessary for the purpose; which said sum or sums of money shall be repaid by said county commissioners, by such a gradual annual levy therefor upon the assessable property of said county, at the time of making their annual levy, as will, in their judgment, best suit the interest and convenience of the tax-payers of said county.

Power and duty
of county
commission-
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SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said county commissioners shall have full power and authority to employ an overseer, or steward, to take charge of said almshouse, farm, and appurtenances; to visit said almshouse at least once in every three months, either personally or by a committee of not less than three of their number, to examine into the condition and the affairs of the institution; to publish annually, with their statement of the county expenditures, a statement of the financial condition of said institution; to levy upon the assessable property of said county, for any actual or expected deficiency in the financial condition thereof, and to do all other acts necessary to the proper conducting and management of said farm and almshouse.

Indigent persons
to repair
to almshouse.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That after the erection of said almshouse, and after the same shall have been prepared for use, the county commissioners aforesaid, shall require, whenever they may deem it just and proper, those indigent persons who receive pensions from said county, by county assessment, to relinquish the same, and repair to the said almshouse; and on their